

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION commending the Republic of China (Taiwan) on its contributions to promote world health.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION commending the Republic of China (Taiwan) on its contributions to promote world health.

Whereas, Good health is essential to every citizen of the world and access to the highest standards of health information and services is necessary to improve public health;

Whereas, The World Health Organization (WHO) set forth in the first chapter of its charter the objective of attaining the highest possible level of health for all people;

Whereas, Taiwan's achievements in the field of health are substantial, including one of the highest life expectancy levels in Asia, maternal and infant mortality rates comparable to those of western countries, and the eradication of such infectious diseases as cholera, smallpox and the plague; moreover, it was the first Asian nation to eradicate polio and provide children with hepatitis B vaccinations;

Whereas, The United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention and its Taiwanese counterpart have enjoyed close collaboration on a wide range of public health issues;

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Whereas, In recent years, Taiwan has expressed a willingness to assist financially and technically in international health activities supported by the WHO; and

Whereas, Direct, unobstructed participation in international health forums and programs is critical to limit the spread of various infectious diseases and achieve world health: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate commends the efforts of
2 Taiwan in support of world health and extends its support for the
3 participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization.

4 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
5 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Hillary Clinton, Secretary of State
6 of the United States; Dr. Margaret Chan, Director-General of the World
7 Health Organization; and to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office
8 in Chicago, Illinois.

